

March, June and September. The Board would like if the churches would make their remittances to the Board, so that quarterly reports can be made at our regular meetings for publication.

Let all moneys be sent to H. S. Sprinkle, Huntington, Ind., and all correspondence to the secretary.

W. C. PERRY, Sect.

#### VICTORY.

Under this same heading I wrote the glorious news of last winter's revival. Again, we praise God here at Auburn for a glorious victory. Fifteen confessions, thirteen of which have been baptized so far. Five heads of families, and all but two are grown. The result greatly strengthens the church. Brethren, God is moving on all over our brotherhood. Let us give all the glory to Christ, for he does the work through us poor feeble instruments. We closed our revival after a little over three weeks effort, with communion services, at which forty-nine surrounded the table. Some that a few weeks before scoffed at the idea, bowed there in humble submission to the will of the omnipotent God. It was a glorious sight, long to be remembered. This makes thirty-one baptized here at Auburn since I took the charge, one year ago last April. Our number has been much more than doubled since then. "Faith in God is the Victory."

The S. S. C. E. have been at work, and I would whisper to Sister Grossnickle that we owe much to her little visit—more than she may be aware of. The S. S. C. E. is here to stay. The sisters mean business.

On last Sabbath I was at Cornell, where a noble young sister came out upon our side, and was *immediately* baptized. Brethren, a great deal dwells in that word *immediately*. Brother Editor, you put it in italics. This one more makes fourteen you see.

Bless God for salvation. The numbers are not so great, but the brethren that know our situation realize that the victories are great, and that human strength could not thus prevail where "every wind of doctrine" has been taught. We are isolated, and have much to contend with. We have to "doctrinate" all here, as it were. Brethren pray for us, and may God be with the church everywhere. Lovingly, in Jesus' name.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Auburn, Ill.

#### HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The work here is the Lord's. The mind of Christ controls the body of the church, and each member articulates perfectly with the other. The one constant prayer

of the shepherd of this flock, is that he may more closely watch the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night—"looking unto Jesus." The church here is as a burning bush—not lit of man but fired of God. How it fills us with celestial joy to watch the consecrated flame of the Holy Ghost leaping from branch to branch. Hardly a prayer-meeting passes but that some one receives the gift of tongues, not languages, but *new* tongues. All here are working. Some begin at the first hour, others at the ninth; some work hard, others leisurly, but all work harmoniously together, and at that which they can best do, trusting God for the increase. The work here is the Lord's. O, Lord God of the "harvest" and the "vineyard," help us to look more carefully after *thy work*, that we may account to thee as faithful tenants.

ZED H. COPP.

#### ROSENA, CAL.

We hold our Sunday-school regular every Sunday in Rosena, Cal. at 10 A. M. Sister Alsbaugh is our superintendent. Ross J. Miller teacher of the Bible class. We use the Brethren literature. I have services at 11 o'clock nearly every Sunday. This is all the appointment for preaching at present. I am post master and ticket agent of the Santa Fe railway company which occupies all my time on week days. Mr. J. Annor and family have moved from Witchataw, Kan., to Rosena and expects to remain two years, etc. The health of our country is excellent, the earth is all green, cattle and horses live without extra feed. Tomatoes are blossoming for the third crop; we have ripe tomatoes every day. The whole earth will soon be covered with flowers.

J. NICHOLSON.

#### TROY, OHIO.

The Brethren of Troy, O., held their quarterly council on Thursday evening, Jan. 31, 1896. The business was transacted without a jar or jangle. Rev. E. L. Eccard, of Kessler, was chosen pastor; Bro. Samuel Keihl and the writer were elected assistant elders or pastors; Leonard Rosa, Treasurer; Albert Landrey, Secretary; Sister Rosa, Organist; Thos. Shellenbarger, Chorister; Leonard Rosa, Trustee, Bro. Fogle's time having expired. Our worthy sexton, brother John McCrossin, who has served the church so long and so well we were loth to give up, but our financial circumstances were such that the church felt unable to pay him for his services any longer, the brethren agreeing to take turn in taking care of the church without pay. I wish to state here that we were in such straitened circumstances that we were about to lose the

church building. Four of our faithful sisters started out to beg money to pay the interest on the debt, and they did nobly and saved the church at least for the present. God bless them. The ministers serve the church without pay and help to bear the expenses the same as any other member. Our members are poor and many are out of work.

We need some brother to hold a protracted meeting, as I believe good work could be done. May the Lord open the heart of some one to come. The writer has preached here ever since the organization of the church, and can say we have a faithful band, true to the cause.

SIMON MIKESELL.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the congregations of Indiana: I feel it my duty as State Evangelist to state that David Augustine of South Bend, Ind., and Daniel Stephens of Sidney, Ind., (with perhaps another whose name I have forgotten) constitute the committee to notify the congregations when to send in their apportionment for Ashland University. These brethren will notify you, no doubt, as soon as they receive assurance that the entire amount to cancel the debt has been raised. Congregations sending in their amount before being notified by these brethren do so at their own risk.

G. W. RENCH.

Jan. 4, 1897.

#### JONES MILLS, PA.

We are in the midst of a revival in the Mt. Vernon congregation near Kecksburg, Pa. A time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, i. e. because of his spiritual presence, results thus far, 5 converts, 1 reclaimed and 1 by letter. A few more in sight, full report later. God is blessing us. Pray, brethren, pray.

W. A. HARMON.

#### QUARTERLY REPORT.

Following is the report for the first quarter of the present Conference year: Number of sermons preached, 36; number of communions held, 3; number baptized, 11; number added by relation, 10; number of applicants for baptism, 3; number of applicants for membership, by relation, 4; reclaimed 1. Total for membership, 29.

J. W. SMOUSE.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Brother and sister Zed H. Copp desire to publicly express their hearty appreciation of the useful and costly Christmas present received by them from the Ladies of the First Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., and wish to add, that appreciation is intensified three fold: First, because of usefulness; second, because of value; third, and chiefest, because of the givers. Hagerstown, Md.